

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 13 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

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12. (Twice Amended) An image reading method comprising:
performing a first scan of an image and generating first image data;
performing a second scan of the image and generating second image data;
generating a correction condition by processing the first image data and the second image data; and
applying the correction condition to the second image data,
wherein the first scan is performed at a first resolution and the second scan is performed at a second resolution, and
wherein the step of generating the correction condition includes
analyzing the first image data and generating a first image characteristic value;
analyzing the second image data and generating a second image characteristic value;
comparing the first image characteristic value and the second image characteristic value; and
generating the correction condition such that the first image characteristic value matches the second image characteristic value.